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SUBJ: ASTRONAUT DUMMY PRESENTATION

1. AMBASSADOR HARRY G. BARNES, JR. FORMALLY OPENED A LARGE EXHIBIT ON U.S. SPACE ACHIEVEMENTS TODAY AT BUCHAREST'S TECHNICAL MUSEUM IN LIBERTY PARK (MUZEUL TEHNIC IN PARCUL LIBERTATII). THE EXHIBIT CONSISTS OF A LIFE-SIZE MODEL OF THE LUNAR LANDER, WHICH STANDS SOME 22 FEET HIGH; PHOTOS AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL; AND A LIFE-SIZE DUMMY OR MANNEQUIN OF AN ASTRONAUT IN FULL SPACE SUIT. THE LATTER ITEM WAS PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM TODAY AND THE PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING. MUSEUM DIRECTOR IOAN MOZES INTRODUCED THE AMBASSADOR, WHOSE REMARKS WERE FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF SPEECH BY GHEORGHE COCOS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY. ALEXANDRU SPATARU, PRESIDENT OF THE AEROSPACE SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS, FOR USE BY THE MEDIA AS DESIRED;

IT IS NOT ONLY A PERSONAL PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO JOIN YOU THIS MORNING FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AN APOLLO 11
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MANNEQUIN AND SPACE-SUIT, THUS COMPLETING THE FULL-SCALE LEM

MODEL EXHIBIT WHICH THE TECHNICAL MUSEUM ALREADY HAS ON DISPLAY;
BUT AN OCCASION WHICH I FIND PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AS WELL
BECAUSE OF THE SPECIFIC U.S.-ROMANIAN TIES THE APOLLO 11
MISSION CONNOTES.

AS YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECALL, PRESIDENT NIXON'S HISTORIC
VISIT TO ROMANIA OCCURRED IN AUGUST, 1969, AND HE CAME HERE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL SPLASHDOWN OF THE ASTRO-
NAUTS FROM APOLLO 11 WHOM HE PERSONNALLY WELCOMED ABOARD THE
RECOVERY VESSEL. I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING IN BUCHAREST DURING
THAT EVENTFUL PERIOD AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE MEETING BETWEEN OUR TWO PRESIDENTS, THE
FIRST OF THREE SUCH MEETINGS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED SO MUCH
IMPETUS BEHIND OUR EVER-EXPANDING CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS.

IN A VERY REAL SENSE, THEN, OUR MODEST CEREMONY THIS
MORNING SYMBOLIZES THE CONTINUITY OF U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS
SINCE THAT TIME. IN MANY FIELDS-ECONOMIC, POLITICAL,
CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC-THE U.S. AND ROMANIA HAVE CEMENTED A
SOLID BASIS OF FRIENDLY INTERCHANGE AND COOPERATION, AND I
AM PLEASED THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR SO MANY ROMANIAN CITIZENS TO VIEW
THE LEM MODEL, ITSELF A SYMBOL OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION.

WITH THAT RECIPROCALLY BENEFICIAL KEYNOTE IN MIND -
FRIENDLY COLLABORATION - I AM HAPPY ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT
AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO PRESENT THIS SPACE MANNEQUIN TO
YOUR MUSEUM AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY THIS
MORNING.
BARNES

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